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THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON,
U. S. SCC COMMISSIONER, AT THE MAY 30, 1973, SCC MEETING.

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON ATT
FIRST MEETING OF THE SCC

MAY 30, 1973

MR. COMMISSIONER,

I.

THE US GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE FUNCTIONS
OF THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION. THE PROMINENT STATURE OF
THE COMMISSION IS MANIFEST BY RECOGNITION OF ITS VAST RESPONSIBILITIES

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IN REGARD TO THE HISTORIC AGREEMENTS LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS ALREADY ENTERED INTO BY OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS ITS LIKELY ROLE IN FUTURE SUCH AGREEMENTS. I AM CERTAIN THAT THE SOVIET SIDE SHARES THIS BELIEF. IN VIEW OF THIS HIGH REGARD FOR THE COMMISSION, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE, AS THE US COMMISSIONER, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUBSTANTIVE EVENTS AT THIS FIRST SESSION WHICH WILL HELP SET THE COURSE FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION.

II.

THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE TWO SIDES, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION

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STIPULATES THAT THE COMMISSION ESTABLISH AND APPROVE REGULATIONS GOVERNING PROCEDURES AND OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COMMISSION. THE US SIDE BELIEVES THAT THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION IS TO ADOPT BASIC REGULATIONS GOVERNING ITS CONDUCT. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS VIEW IS SHARED BY THE SOVIET SIDE. THE US SIDE CONSIDERS THAT THE BASIC PARAGRAPHS OF DRAFT REGULATIONS INITIALED ON DECEMBER 21, 1972, CONSTITUTE A PROPER FRAMEWORK FOR GOVERNING THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMMISSION. THESE BASIC PARAGRAPHS HAVE NOW BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE DOCUMENT BEFORE US.

IN MY CAPACITY AS THE US COMMISSIONER, I AM NOW PREPARED TO SIGN THESE REGULATIONS GOVERNING PROCEDURES AND OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS OF THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION.

(SIGNING CEREMONY)

III.

MR. COMMISSIONER, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS ATTACH TO THE ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION, THE US GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO MAKE PUBLIC IN WASHINGTON THE SCC REGULATION WE HAVE JUST APPROVED, AND WE ASSUME THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT MAY WISH TO DO LIKEWISE.

IV.

NOW THAT THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE COMMISSION HAVE
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BEEN APPROVED, THE US SIDE BELIEVES THAT THE FIRST ORDER OF SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS SHOULD BE TO ESTABLISH AGREED PROCEDURE FOR THE NOTIFICATION, REPLACEMENT AND DESTRUCTION OR DISMANTLING OF

APPLICABLE SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS LIMITED BY THE ABM TREATY AND
INTERIM AGREEMENT. FOR THAT PURPOSE, I PROPOSE THAT THE COMMISSION
HOLD A SECOND MEETING OF THIS FRIST SESSION AT AN EARLY DATE TO
SET FORTH RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT VIEWS ON THIS MATTER. SUCH A
COURSE OF ACTION WILL ALLOW US TO EXPEDITIOUSLY ATTEND TO THE
IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED THE COMMISSION
BY THE ABM TREATY AND THE INTERIM AGREEMENT.
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